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SUBJECT: THANK YOU LETTERS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT THANK YOU NOTES AS REQUESTED
REFTEL.

2. TO HIS EXCELLENCY MUHAMMAD ANWAR AL-SADAT,
PRESIDENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, ABDIN PALACE,
CAIRO. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT WAS WITH A HEAVY
HEART THAT I CONCLUDED ON MARCH 22 THE BEST COURSE FOR
BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WAS FOR ME TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO
REPORT TO PRESIDENT FORD ON THE IRRECONCILABLE
DIFFERENCES WHICH HAVE PERSISTED THROUGHOUT OUR

LATEST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

I HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY, BOTH TO YOU AND TO FOREIGN
MINISTER FAHMY, HOW MUCH I ADMIRE THE WISE AND
COURAGOUS STATESMANSHIP WITH WHICH YOU HAVE CONDUCTED
THESE EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS.
I WANT TO ASSURE YOU ONCE AGAIN HOW DETERMINED I AM
TO DO MY UTMOST, IN CONCERT WITH THE LEADERS OF THE
AREA, TO REACH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. I PLEDGE MYSELF TO THIS END.

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NANCY AND I WANT TO THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY

FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY YOU AFFORDED US IN ASWAN.
WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER.

3. TO HIS EXCELLENCY ISMAIL FAHMY, FOREIGN MINISTER
OF ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
CAIRO. DEAR ISMAIL: IT WAS WITH PROFOUND SADNESS
THAT I LEFT THE MIDDLE EAST BEFORE ACHIEVING THE
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR WHICH BOTH OF US HAD WORKED
SO HARD. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW DEEPLY I APPRECIATE
YOUR STRENUOUS EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD.
I AM MOST SINCERELY GRATEFUL FOR THE STATESMANSHIP
AND CONSTANT UNDERSTANDING YOU HAVE EXERCISED IN ALL OUR
DEALINGS TOGETHER. YOUR WISE COUNSEL HAS BEEN OF GREAT VALUE
TO ME. NANCY JOINS ME IN THANKING YOU AND AFAF FOR YOUR
WARM AND INDEFATIGABLE HOSPITALITY AND KINDNESS TO US
BOTH. IT IS OUR ABIDING HOPE THAT OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE IN HAPPIER CIRCUMSTANCES. SINCERELY,
HENRY A. KISSINGER.

4. TO AMBASSADOR OMAR SIRRI, CHEF DE CABINET TO FOREIGN
MINISTER FAHMY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CAIRO.

DEAR OMAR: I HAVE GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR TIRELESS
EFFORTS DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

THAT THE JOINT EFFORTS OF OUR TWO SIDES HAVE,
FOR THE TIME BEING, FAILED TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON THE
SINAI FRONT CAN IN NO WAY BE ASCRIBED TO LACK OF
COURAGE AND IMAGINATION ON THE PART OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.
I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH YOU
PERSONALLY HAVE MADE DURING THIS PERIOD OF DELICATE
DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY.

BOTH NANCY AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATED THE WARM
HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO US BY YOU AND JANAN. WE WISH
YOU BOTH ALL SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT IN VIENNA.
SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
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